

THE TIMES DISPATCH

GENEALOGICAL COLUMN

BYRD FAMILY.

OF VIRGINIA



Byrd—Nulla Pallescere Culpa—
1674.

By special request, we give this noted Virginia family of Byrd, of whom there were none to enter the colony in the new world with more vim and spirit, and to whom is attributed the rapid growth and advance of the colony.

Colonel William Byrd, the first of his name and family in Virginia, was the son of John Byrd, of London, an old family of Brixton, County Chester, time of Richard II. He was born about 1652, and came to Virginia when quite a youth, at the instance of his maternal uncle, Captain Thomas Stege, a mercantile, land proprietor, and member of the Council in Virginia.

This Colonel Byrd patented large tracts of land, including the present site of Richmond, and settled himself on his fine estate at Westover. His son, Colonel William Byrd, of Westover, was well known as a writer, a philanthropist and an active public man. He it was who founded the city of Richmond, being associated with Major William Mayo in the enterprise in 1736. The first William Byrd brought over the arms, which we give, and which are thus described in the American Heraldic:

"Arms: Argent; a cross fesse, between four martlets, gules; on a canton, azure, a crescent of the field for difference. Crest: A bird rising, gules.

Motto: Nulla pallescere culpa. (To turn pale at no crime.)

Bishop Meade says: "There were three at the name of Byrd, each called 'Colonel.' The first was father of the family, and owned the lands where Richmond now stands. He lived at Belvidere, and between the years 1660 and 1700 he contracted for and had built a part of the William and Mary College buildings."

This must have been son of the immigrant. The English history of the Byrds is not fully known, but that they were of noble blood is shown by their arms and motto, which has been held in the family for many generations. The first Colonel Byrd married first, Lucy, daughter of Colonel Daniel Parker, the British officer who brought the news of the victory at Blenheim to Queen Anne. A portrait of this officer was to be seen at Lower Brandon on the James. There were no sons by this marriage, and only two daughters, one of whom was the beautiful Evelyn Byrd, while in England, was presented to William Pitt (Lord Llandaff), who remarked that, "he no longer wondered why young gentlemen were so fond of going to Virginia to study ornithology, since such beautiful Byrds were there."

The second wife of Colonel Byrd, was Mrs. Maria Taylor, daughter of Thomas Taylor, of Kensington, England, who came to the colony in 1728. She was born in England, 1698, and died 1771. They were married May 26, 1724, and had one son and three daughters, from whom the Byrds of Virginia are descended. Mordecai, in his "Richmond in By-gone Days," calls this William Byrd, captain, who he says, "obtained a grant for 7,351 acres of land, beginning at the mouth of Shooe's Creek, and running up the river several miles north of it, from Sir William Berkley, Governor, on March 15, 1675-6, in consideration of the introduction of 122 persons into the colony." In 1687, it seems a patent was granted to the same gentlemen, for 566 acres, beginning on the east side of the creek at its mouth, extending up the creek and down the river. In 1733, Colonel Byrd laid out a land for a town which he called Richmond, on the Thames in England. In 1742, reign of George II, the General Assembly of Virginia established it as a town, building there the first public warehouses and retaining the name of Richmond, which in 1753 became the seat of government, being removed from Williamsburg. Colonel William Byrd readily sold the most of his land, which had been surveyed into town lots, retaining a large tract on the outskirts of the town, where the fine old mansion of Byrd was afterwards built by his son, Colonel Byrd, who lived there about 1770.

In the same year that he founded Richmond, 1733, Colonel Byrd, with his friend, Peter Jones, a great trader, laid off the town of Petersburg on the Appomattox, which was named for the latter.

Let us now turn to the second Colonel Byrd, mentioned by Bishop Meade, who took up a large body of land in Charles City county, where he built his stately mansion, Westover, on the James, the Marquis Chastellux, in his visit there in 1752, described as "surpassing all the seats in the country in the magnificence of the buildings and its beauty of situation and pleasures of society." This Colonel Byrd was an experienced surveyor, and as soon as he landed his professional services was quickly enlisted by the Governor of the Colony in establishing its many lines. Colonel Byrd, was one of the committee of surveyors to run the boundary line between North Carolina and Virginia in 1758. Colonel Byrd wrote an interesting account of this expedition, which is preserved with his other literary works.

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The descendants of Lucy White Taylor Hamilton, emigrated to North Carolina; Nathaniel remained in Yorktown; Dr. William White emigrated to Memphis, Tenn., and left sons, John, Arthur, Thomas, William, Robert and daughter, Lucy, who married — Hayes, whose son, Addison Hayes, married Margaret Jefferson Davis, daughter of the President of the Confederacy of the United States. (It is desired Memphis papers copy this record.)

QUERIES AND LETTERS.

Huger.

One of the four sons of Daniel Huger, the emigrant, was John Huger, of South Carolina, born 5th June, 1744. Died 2nd January, 1804. Married twice; first wife, Charlotte Motte; second wife, Ann Brown, widow of Cusack. Children by first wife, Charlotte Motte:

1. Mary. She married John Dawson November 17, 1788, and died.

II. Charlotte. She died unmarried.

III. Daniel. Born 18th January, 1779; died 20th November, 1858. He married Sarah Louisa, 1st March, 1804, and had six children.

(1) Julia Amanda, who died unmarried in 1822; (2) Charlotte Motte, who died unmarried in 1822; (3) Sarah Harvey, who married George Gibson, 1824, and died in 1875, without issue surviving her; (4) Daniel, who died unmarried in 1857; (5) Elizabeth Roper, who died in 1857; (6) Julia Amanda, born April, 1825, wife of Robert Dewar Bacot, born the 16th October, 1821, both of whom are now alive and whose children are now living; (7) Harriet Wright, unmarried; (8) Daniel Huger, who married Josephine Horton Rhett, 18th January, 1888, and has three children; (9) Thomas Wright, who married Louis de Berniere Mc Crady, 18th April, 1877, and has six children living. (10)

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EDWARD M.GRADY.

In reply to an invitation sent to Mr. Alfred Huger, of Charleston, S. C., to attend the marriage of Major Thomas L. Brown and Miss Mary M. Fontaine, in St. James Church, Richmond, Va., on the 7th of June, 1866, the following reply from him was received:

"Charleston, S. C., June 10, 1866.
Major Thomas L. Brown, Richmond, Va.:
My Dear Sir—I received your note

Can Cancer Be Cured?

It can.

Without the use of the knife or X-Ray we cure Cancers, Tumors and Chronic Sores, charging nothing for examination. Our patients are our best friends. Come and see the cancers we have removed and cured for our own happy patients, and are daily curing. They are wonderful if they are not satisfied, we will pay all your expenses.

KELLAM HOSPITAL,

165 West Main Street,
Richmond, Va.

and its enclosures, announcing to us, that after all the sufferings that a bitter war has inflicted, our victory was celebrated at St. James Church on Thursday last.

"Accept our sympathy as I trust God will accept our prayers for your happiness and welfare."

"Say to my dear cousin, with affectionate remembrance, that I congratulate her on the privilege of conferring the richest bounty on a faithful soldier, and tell her, if experience gives wisdom, I ought to be a judge in these cases, for I have served under one commanding officer (my aged wife) for nearly fifty years without a murmur or a regret.

"My family join me in all fervent wishes for you both."

"Very truly yours,

"ALFRED HUGER."

Rice.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 26, 1906.

Editor Times Dispatch:

Sir—Will you kindly give in your next Sunday's paper the genealogy of the family of the late Dr. Samuel Blair Rice, who was a Baptist preacher? He is a brother or near relative of the William M. Rice who was murdered in Texas? Dr. Samuel B. Rice died in King George county some years ago. He was the father of Mrs. Roger A. Pryor, of New York.

By answering above you will greatly oblige his grandson.

A SUBSCRIBER.

We think the William M. Rice who was murdered in Texas was a relative of Dr. Samuel Blair Rice, but how near, is not known. This will be looked up, and given at an early date.

Sutton.

Editor Genealogical Column:

Sir.—In the Genealogical Column please give the lineage of the Sutton family, with coat of arms, if you can, and oblige.

The Sutton family will be given as soon as space will allow.

Campbell.

Dear Editor—In looking over the Campbell family record, will you kindly notice and see if the Miss Campbell who married John or Daniel Goode, is mentioned in the same. I do not know her maiden name, but would be glad to get any information you can about her. Her husband (my grandfather, four removed) was grandson of John Goode, of Whiting, perhaps with that to go upon, you can find something to interest and oblige.

A SUBSCRIBER.

We have looked into the Campbell family, but cannot find any connection by any member with Goode. I think there is a "History of the Goode Family" in Virginia, which might give the desired information; but do not know where the work can be found. Can any reader answer?

Sutton.

In answer to a query for the Sutton family, the following brief lineage is given:

The Suttions of Virginia were of Norman descent and trace their lineage from Sir William Sutton, knight at arms. The surname was derived from Sutton upon Trent, a town in England from whence they came. Sir William had four sons, from one of whom (which one is not certain), the Virginia family descend. John Sutton is said to be the emigrant; he is mentioned in Hanning's Statute and is found as a resident of Spotsylvania county in 1742 to 1760. He had a son, John Sutton, Sr., whose wife was Elizabeth Hargrave, born 1742. This John and Elizabeth moved to Orange county in 1771. John Sutton, Sr. also had a son, William, whose wife was Sally, who were living in Caroline county, Va., 1780. Joseph Sutton and his wife, Judy, were also of Caroline county, same year.

Edward Sutton, who is believed also a son of John, Sr., was a soldier from Spotsylvania, in the colonial militia from 1775 to 1790.

James Sutton is given by Bishop Meade as a vestryman in Northern Ireland parish for the year 1754. William Sutton is mentioned as a large planter of Spotsylvania in 1759; he married Elizabeth Moxley on April 3, 1759; this must have been his second wife, for he is spoken of as being in Caroline county in 1758, and his wife's name Sally.

It is a tradition in the family that there were two brothers who first came, one of whom married a Miss Coggage, they having seven children, most of whom married and settled on farms in Virginia. One of the sons was Lewis Sutton who married Miss Dorsey and settled in Maryland. There are many Sutons of distinction mentioned both North and South, showing that the family have been extensive.

Their coat of arms are described as:

PENNNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF PHILADELPHIA.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1905, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF PHILADELPHIA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—R. DALE BENSON.

Secretary—W. GARDNER CROWELL.

Principal office—410 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Organized or incorporated, MARCH, 1825; commenced business, APRIL, 1825.

CAPITAL

Amount of capital stock subscribed..... \$400,000.00

Amount of capital stock paid up in cash..... 400,000.00

ASSETS

Value of real estate owned by the company..... \$142,500.00

Loans on mortgage duly recorded and being the first liens on the premises, upon which not more than one year's interest is due..... 61,900.00

Interest due on all said mortgage loans \$187.50; interest accrued thereon, \$4,326.00

Total value of mortgaged premises (insured for \$47,800 as collateral)..... \$1,233,426.00

RENTS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THIS COMPANY.

Par Value..... \$10,000.00

Market Value..... \$10,000.00

GROSS PREMIUMS RECEIVED

For Fire, Life, Accident and Health Insurance..... \$1,000,000.00

For Marine Insurance..... 100,000.00

For Automobile Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Casualty and Surety Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Liability Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Collision Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Property Damage Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Occupant Protection Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Theft Protection Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Windshield Protection Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Glass Protection Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Fire Protection Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Collision Protection Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Property Damage Protection Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Occupant Protection Protection Insurance..... 10,000.00

For Auto Theft Protection Protection Insurance..... 10,000.00

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